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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 U.S.A.

Transmitted herewith is a request to extend the period of reply to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed September 17, 2003 in the subject patent application. This extension is being filed to effect co-pendency with a continuation application claiming benefit of the subject application. The Applicant currently intends to allow the instant application to go abandoned and to pursue the subject matter of this invention in that continuation application.

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## Enclosed are:

- (X) A Petition for Extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).
- ( ) Request for Correction of Improper Claim to Small Entity Status.
- ( ) Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-1030 in the amount of \$ for the Extension and Small Entity Correction Fees.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-1030.
- () Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for additional extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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